



# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

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## Minutes of the SNHPC MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

**July 15, 2021**

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission  
438 Dubuque Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Colleen Mailloux (Chair) – Londonderry  
Kristen Clarke – Manchester DPW  
Tom Clow – Weare\*  
Jonathan Golden – Manchester Planning  
Andrew Hadik – Chester  
Jillian Harris – Bedford\*  
Linda Kunhardt – Francestown  
Nancy Michels – GMCC/GDLC  
Fred Roberge – Easterseals NH  
George Sioras – Derry  
Mark Suennen – New Boston  
Bruce Thomas – Hooksett  
Sylvia von Aulock – SNHPC  
Linda Wescott-Dusenberry – NHDOT  
Tim White – NHDES  
Mike Whitten – MTA

### **SNHPC STAFF PRESENT**

Monique Duchesne, Assistant Planner\*  
Carl Eppich, Principal Transportation Planner\*  
Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner\*  
Nate Miller, Deputy Executive Director  
Cam Prolman, Regional Planner\*  
Zach Swick, Senior GIS Analyst  
James Vayo, Project Manager\*

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jo Ann Duffy – Goffstown  
Bill Herman – Auburn  
Laurie Makarawicz – CART  
Tom Malafronte – MHT Airport  
Dick Snow – Candia

\*Attended meeting via Zoom

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dave Curto – Windham\*  
Paul Maloney – FHWA\*  
Nancy O'Connor – Strafford RPC  
Ruth-Ellen Post – Windham\*  
Kim Rummo – NHDOT  
Shayna Sylvia – Strafford RPC  
Dean Williams – CNHRPC\*

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### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Colleen Mailloux called the meeting of the SNHPC TAC to order at 9:31 AM.

### **2. Action on Minutes of May 20 and June 17, 2021**

Motion by Mr. George Sioras to approve May minutes, seconded by Ms. Linda Wescott-Dusenberry and carried unanimously with Mr. Jonathan Golden abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Sioras to approve June minutes, seconded by Mr. Bruce Thomas and carried unanimously with Mr. Mark Suennen abstaining.

### **3.1 Consideration of 2021 Regional Trails Plan**

Mr. Adam Hlasny gave a brief review of the Regional Trails Plan, noting that a more in-depth presentation was provided at the May TAC meeting. He summarized public comments received, which included a series of trail status updates.

Mr. Paul Maloney complimented the plan and the work that has been done on it.

**Motion by Mr. Mike Whitten to recommend approval of the 2021 Regional Trails Plan to the SNHPC MPO at its July 27, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Fred Roberge and carried unanimously.**

### **3.2 Guest Presentation – Strafford RPC Pathways to Play Program**

Mses. Nancy O'Connor and Shayna Sylvia gave a presentation on Strafford RPC's Pathways to Play Program. In 2018, SRPC first received funding from the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation (NHCHF) to conduct its Pathways to Play (PTP) project. SRPC's project approach included examining access to recreation in the region, which in turn highlighted opportunities for increased recreational access.

Phase 1 of the PTP program allowed for the creation of a regional recreation sites data layer which was later expanded during the Promoting Outdoor Play (POP!) project. Phase 2 of the PTP program included a pilot project in the City of Somersworth that examined barriers preventing children from accessing parks, such as road infrastructure, safety, signage, and public awareness.

Building upon the success of the PTP program, the POP! program will enhance the recreation site data layer and create a publicly accessible online interactive recreation guide. In the coming months, SRPC will be launching a recreation sites passport program that will encourage citizens to get outside and explore the recreational opportunities in their region.

In response to a question from Ms. Sylvia von Aulock, Ms. O'Connor said that SRPC recreation data does not include transit routes but does include parking availability. Ms. O'Connor added that the digital recreation passport allows data to be collected regarding how much recreational facilities are being used.

Mr. Dave Curto of Windham Conservation Commission complimented SRPC staff for their efforts on this project.

Ms. O'Connor said that one of its most successful outreach strategies was asking individuals about their perceptions of local parks (i.e. "I would love this park more if...") at National Night Out. Traditional surveys were the least successful form of outreach.

### **3.3 Overview of Windham Trail Mapping Initiative**

Mr. Zach Swick provided an overview of the Windham trail mapping project. Since last summer, SNHPC staff have been working with Windham Conservation Commission members to map various trails throughout the town. Staff or local volunteers captured the GPS points for each property and Mr. Swick has transformed that raw data into detailed trail maps. These maps will ultimately be placed at trailhead kiosks and will be posted online.

Locations already mapped include Clyde Pond, Deer Leap, Foster's Pond, the Gage Land, and the Route 28 Town Forest.

Mr. Curto complimented SNHPC staff, saying it has been great to work with the team and the finished products have turned out very well. The maps have helped to show connectivity between different areas, as well as cutting off trails to private property.

In response to a question from Ms. von Aulock, Mr. Swick replied that there is not really a way to measure accessibility on the trails, though slopes can be gleaned from the hill shade layer.

#### **4. Other Business**

Mr. Jonathan Golden announced that there was a very low turnout for the Manchester Master Plan update public hearing. The document is now going back to the Planning Board and will hopefully be adopted shortly. The City has entered into a contract with Sanborn, Head & Associates for a new Land Use code to support the Master Plan's vision.

Ms. Wescott-Dusenberry announced that the first meeting of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) for the 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan will be held on July 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Suennen said that the Town of New Boston is soliciting applications for a new Town Administrator. The application window will be open until July 23, 2021.

Mr. James Vayo noted that to improve accessibility and public involvement, SNHPC is now recording and posting videos of TAC and MPO meetings with closed captioning.

#### **5. Adjournment**

**The meeting stood at 10:52 am.**

Next meeting: August 19, 2021

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southern NH Planning Commission for July 15, 2021.



Sylvia von Aulock  
Executive Director

Minutes Approved: August 19, 2021

